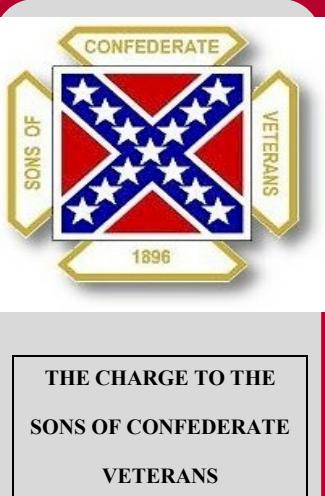


Major W.H. "Howdy" Martin Camp #1241

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS Athens, Texas

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THE CHARGE TO THE
SONS OF CONFEDERATE
VETERANS

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought, to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee
General Commander
United Confederate Veterans
April 25, 1906

William Harrison "Howdy" Martin

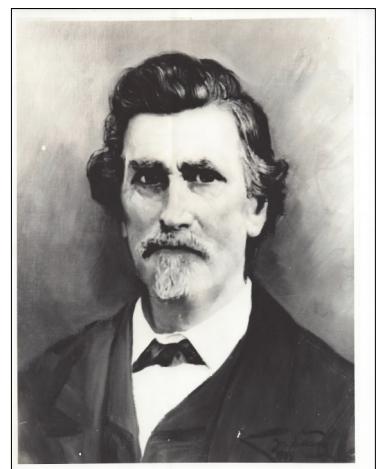
1823-1898

In 1861 during the War Between the States, William Harrison Martin enlisted in the Confederate Army and served in Company K of the 4th Texas Infantry that was assigned to Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. Martin gained his nickname because of his refusal to salute superior officers. Instead, he would politely tip his hat and say "howdy."

According to the Texas Historical Commission, Howdy Martin fought in the Eastern theater of operations in all of the fighting. After the signing of the surrender terms at Appomattox, Major Martin and Captain W. T. Hill led the remaining members of Hood's Texas Brigade back to the Lone Star State.

He was born September 2, 1823, in Twiggs County, Georgia, to Benjamin and Charlotte Martin. His early schooling was in Alabama where he was admitted to the Bar. In 1850 he moved to Athens, Texas, and started a law practice in Henderson County. He represented Freestone, Limestone, Henderson, and Navarro counties from 1853 to 1858 in the Texas Senate. Answering the call, he raised a company of volunteers that became a part of Hood's Texas Brigade. In April, 1864, he was promoted from captain to major. After the war, Martin was elected district attorney. He married Martha E. Gallimore of Navarro County and the couple had seven children. He was later elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1887 and served in the 50th and 51st Congresses 1887-1891 before retiring again to his farm near Athens.

Howdy Martin was a member of the Hill County Camp of Confederate Veterans when he died at his final home in Hill County on February 5, 1898. A lawyer, a Confederate officer who served the entire Civil War and a congressman, at 76 years old Major Howdy Martin was buried at the Hillsboro City Cemetery.



Read more about Howdy Martin's life, family and career on our camp website.

www.martincamp.org

Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more, you should never wish to do less.
General Robert E. Lee

Spotlight on Our Camp

1. Our March 14, 2016 SCV Camp Meeting was held at the Calvary Baptist Church Gym with Commander **Jimmy Abney** presiding.
2. 1st Lt Cmdr **Ron Freeman** led the pledges and salutes to the flags and reading of the Charge to the SCV. Our new flag poles and toppers were used for the first time.
3. Adjutant/Treasurer **Don Bentley** gave the invocation and blessing for the food. We had **23 guests and members** present to enjoy our pot luck menu of various Irish dishes. Everyone seemed to enjoy their meal.
4. Cmdr **Abney** introduced our guest speaker, **Mrs. Norma Holley**. Mrs. Holley is President of the United Daughters of the Confederacy Emma Sansom Chapter in Gilmer, Texas. She spoke on the important roll of women of the Confederacy and their contribution to the cause.
5. Adjutant/Treasurer **Don Bentley** read the minutes of our February meeting as well as the financial report. Both approved as presented by the membership present.
6. Adjutant/Treasurer **Don Bentley** presented and discussed a "Pot Luck" menu and presented a sign-up list for next month's meal with the menu including **Italian dishes**. It was well received by those present.
7. In other business, Commander **Abney** discussed our obligation in regards to maintaining the "Arms Cemetery." A clean-up date was tabled until a date could be decided. He also added that we needed to check other cemeteries to check to see if older flags need to be replaced. Camp has adequate supply if they are needed.
8. Adjutant/Treasurer **Don Bentley** reminded all compatriots to send to himself or Chaplain **Jim Day** information about their participation in the "Guardian Program".
9. Cmdr **Abney** also noted the following dates for us to remember:
 - April 2nd** - Camp Ford Reenactment, Tyler
 - April 7th** - Historical Literacy, Scott Bowden speaking on Robert E. Lee at Lantana Civic Center starting at 6:00 PM. Admission is \$10.00 at the door. Information is available by calling (903) 522-1903.
 - April 8th-10th** - Re-enactment at Pleasant Hill, LA..
 - April 15th-17th** - Mexia Battle Grounds Reenactment
 - April 26th** - Confederate Memorial Day. Our Camp proudly places Battle Flags on Henderson County Graves
 - April 29th-30th** - Re-enactment at Jefferson, TX..
 - June 3rd-5th** - SCV State Convention Kerrville, TX. We have 5 votes and need members to plan now to attend. Visit their website for more information www.scvtexas.orgDiscussed Good Game Cemetery Reunion on **Sunday, June 12th** for Confederate veterans interred there. All were encouraged to attend if possible.
10. Cmdr **Abney** reported on the results of the camp's recruiting booth at the recent Athens Gun Show. Applications were handed out and several people expressed interest in our camp.
11. Cmdr **Abney** called for names for our camp Prayer List and several requests were added as well as praise for answered prayer. Prayer was requested for Chaplain **Jim Day** traveling, **Charles Sanders**, the **Northcutt family**, **Ron Freeman's friend**, **Lawler family**, **Kathy Pickle**, **Hody Porterfield family** (Hody passed away March 17th), our country and the upcoming election.
12. Before adjourning, Adjutant/Treasurer **Don Bentley** gave the benediction and lead in the singing of "**Dixie**".

March 14, 2016 Howdy Camp Meeting



Above: Cmdr Jimmy Abney presides over the March meeting.

As always, Howdy Camp members and guests enjoy interesting historical programs, good fellowship and delicious meals.

Below: 1st Lt Cmdr Ron Freeman holds his granddaughter, RaeLee Freeman.



Photos by Luke Freeman

Howdy Camp March Guest Speaker

Mrs. Norma Holley

UDC President of Emma Sansom Chapter in Gilmer, TX

Howdy Camp guests and members enjoyed **Mrs. Holley's** program on the important roll of women of the Confederacy and their contribution to the cause.



Above: **Mrs. Norma Holley** presents our March historical program.

Left: Sitting with **Mrs. Holley** is **Mrs. Reta Brand**.

Below: Just a small group of those present who reported they truly enjoyed **Mrs. Holley's** very interesting presentation.



CONFEDERATE REUNION GROUNDS

state historic site

CIVIL WAR LIVING HISTORY AND REENACTMENT

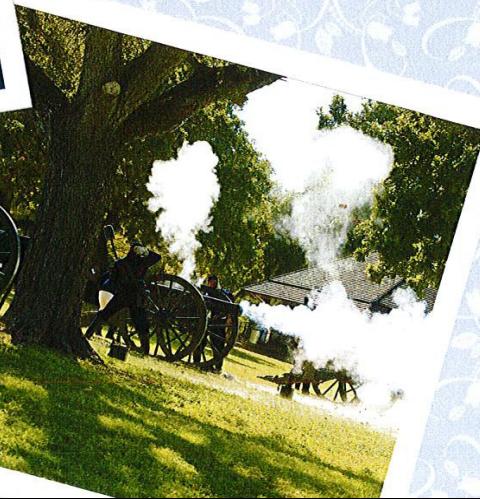
Military Demonstrations ★ Reenactments ★ Ladies Tea
Music ★ Refreshments for Sale



ADMISSION

Adults	\$5.00
Children 12 and under	FREE
2-Day Pass (Sat./Sun)	\$7.50

Hosted by the Friends of the Confederate
Reunion Grounds

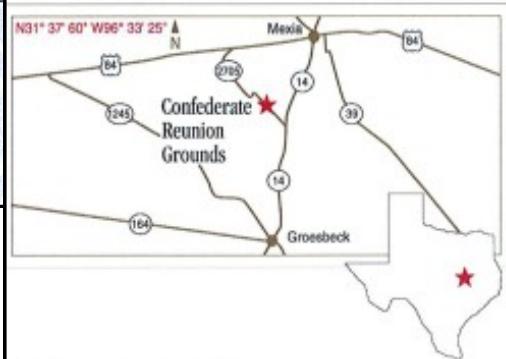


April 16–17, 2016
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
daily

Confederate Reunion Grounds
State Historic Site
1738 FM 2705
Mexia, TX 76667
254.472.0959
crg@thc.state.tx.us
www.visitcrg.com

Directions

Travel 6 miles south of Mexia on State Highway 14, then 2.5 miles west on FM 2705.



Howdy Martin Camp Salutes *The Guardian Program to Honor Our Veterans*



W. L. Stewart Rome Cemetery
Compatriot Steve Sifers Guardian



J. S. Brown Blackjack Cemetery
Chaplain Jim Day Guardian



G. W. Grayson Arms Cemetery
Compatriot Pete Edison Guardian



F. M. Barkley Blackjack Cemetery
Chaplain Jim Day Guardian



R.B. Shewmake Blackjack Cemetery
Chaplain Jim Day Guardian



J.M. Hatton Blackjack Cemetery
Chaplain Jim Day Guardian



J.P. Powell Shelby Chapel
Chaplain Jim Day Guardian



A.W. Brown Shelby Chapel
Chaplain Jim Day Guardian

Past Texas Division Commander Johnnie Holley Guardian of 3 Veterans at Oakwood Cemetery, Tyler

Editor's Note: It is my hope that this page will be filled each month in your Howdy Herald Newsletter of pictures or lists of CSA Veterans who are honored by SCV Compatriots as Guardians or regular placing of flags. Please email me all of the Veterans you have honored. As Commander Abney said, our Camp has Battle Flags and First National Flags for your use to respectively honor our CSA Veterans.

From the Commander

Greetings,

This is a very busy time of the year as good weather approaches and numerous events are scheduled. At the meeting, we discussed dates when opportunities are available for our Howdy Camp members to step up, be seen, and be ready to recruit new members as we are commanded in answering The Charge.

To new members in particular, please note the dates April 16-17 at the Living History and Reenactment at the Confederate Reunion Grounds in Mexia. This is perhaps the largest gathering nearby of **Sutlers**. Several have mentioned to me that they are interested in getting a uniform or other items so that they feel comfortable participating in our own dedications and memorials. Thanks to Compatriot Buster Horn, a Flyer is included in this Howdy Herald. Several in our camp have attended over the years and will be glad to give you directions or answer any questions. It is a large State Historical Site that is designed for battles, camping, trading, and even a School Day is scheduled for children. The website is www.visitcrg.com.

1st Lt Cmdr Ron Freeman and myself attended the DEC meeting in Lorena on Saturday, March 19th. We discussed the fight that the SCV is leading to proposed name changes of public schools in Houston and Austin that honor our Confederate Heroes. Also we were told that there is a group wanting to remove a statue of President George Washington because he owned slaves. There is not even one day that we can feel relaxed in this fight. In fact, we must all increase our presence at every opportunity.

I want to thank Mrs. Norma Holley for a really great historical presentation at the March meeting. I was not aware of the number of women supporting The Southern Cause, and hearing the particulars of those who risked their lives as spies was shocking. Thank you again, Mrs. Holley.

Finally, I want to express sincere condolences to the family of Compatriot Hody Porterfield. Hody passed away on March 17th. I want his family to know that our camp is available to help them in any way we can. May God bless us all.



Commander Jimmy Abney



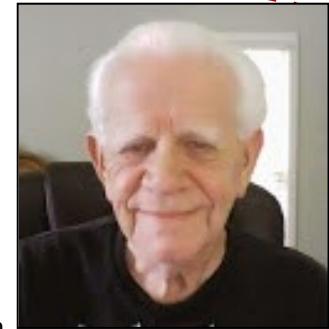
Your Commander,

Jimmy Abney

"Keep Your Flag Flying!"

"Howdy's Flag" is framed and is proudly displayed at the Henderson County Historical Museum located at 217 North Prairieville Street in Athens. At the August Camp meeting, members voted their approval to special order a reproduction of the flag for use at various Howdy Martin Camp events.

Adjutant/Treasurer Don R. Bentley



Don R. Bentley

There is still hope! When our heritage and our mission to preserve that heritage remains constantly under attack by progressive politicians and those political activists that support them, it is good to know that not all politicians succumb to that political correctness that seems to be dictated by these individuals.

I've taken the liberty to reproduce the following article that originally appeared on Fox News. The article reads as follows:

Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant declared April Confederate Heritage Month on a pro-Confederate website, following a path similar to other states' in the past.

Bryant's proclamation was posted to the Mississippi Sons of Confederate Veterans website, but not to the governor's site. He signed it days before legislators killed bills that would have either removed the Confederate battle emblem from the 122-year-old state flag or stripped money from colleges and local governments that refuse to fly the current banner.

The Jackson Free Press, a weekly newspaper, first reported the proclamation Wednesday and noted that other Southern state governors have passed similar proclamations. Georgia designates each April as Confederate History and Heritage Month.

The paper noted that the Sons of Confederate Veterans group is against the changing of the Mississippi flag and "pushes a revisionist history about the Civil War." Clay Chandler, a spokesman for Bryant, said previous governors, Democrat and Republican, have issued similar proclamations for Confederate Heritage Month.

"Gov. Bryant believes Mississippi's history deserves study and reflection, no matter how unpleasant or complicated parts of it may be," Chandler said. "Like the proclamation says, gaining insight from our mistakes and successes will help us move forward."

Symbols of the Confederacy have come under fire since the mass shooting at a Charleston, S.C., church last June. Dylann Roof was charged in the killings and had been seen posing for photos online holding a Confederate flag. After the shooting, South Carolina lawmakers and Gov. Nikki Haley removed a Confederate battle flag that had flown for years on the Statehouse lawn.

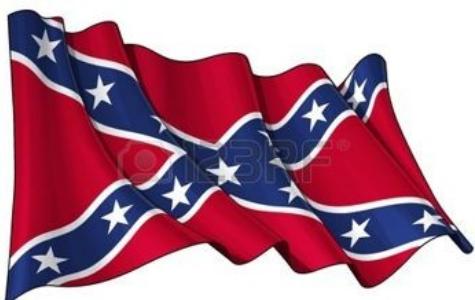
Also since the attack, several Mississippi cities and counties, and some universities, have stopped flying the state flag, which is the last in the nation to feature the Confederate emblem — a red field topped by a blue X dotted with 13 white stars.

Democratic state Rep. Ed Blackmon, a member of the Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus, said he has no problem with people honoring Confederate ancestors.

"But, at the same time, I would hope the governor would consider that people have problems with the Confederate flag," Blackmon said.

Blackmon said he grew up seeing the flag used by the Ku Klux Klan as a symbol of racial oppression. He said: "That's a part of history you cannot deny."

*The Associated Press contributed to this report.
This article originally appeared on Fox News
(February 26, 2016)*



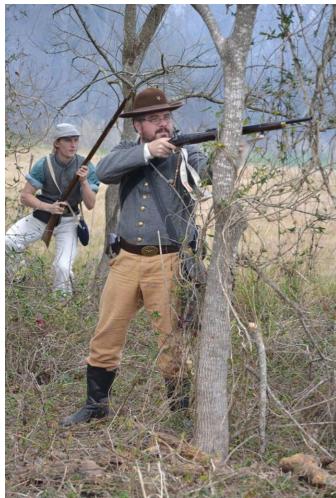
This article lifted my spirits and encouraged me as a compatriot in the Son of Confederate Veterans to be more diligent in carrying out our mission of preserving our glorious heritage. Hopefully, it will do the same for you.

Long live Dixie! There is still hope....and we are that hope!

Don R. Bentley

Howdy Camp Compatriots

..... caught on camera



Aide de Camp **Jesse Giles** above at the Battle of Blackjack in Groveton and right dancing at the Sam **Davis** Ball hosted by the John H. Reagan Camp 2156 in Palestine.

Photos Jan Giles



Left: Recruiting Table at the Annual Athens Cain Center Gun Show February 13-14th at left: Camp Color Sgt **Terry Teems** and 1st Lt Commander **Ron Freeman**. Not pictured Cmdr **Jimmy Abney**

Photos by Luke Freeman



True Confederate Historical Facts

Don R. Bentley

If you have not figured it out yet, as school age children we were not taught the whole truth and nothing but the truth. We have been "conditioned" which is a polite word for "brainwashed." Not much has changed.

In recent years, high school textbooks of United States history have come under increasing criticism. Authors such as Howard Zinn (*A People's History of the United States*), Gilbert T. Sewall (*Textbooks: Where the Curriculum Meets the Child*) and James W. Loewen (*Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong*), make the claim that U.S. history textbooks contain mythical untruths and omissions, which paint a whitewashed picture that bears little resemblance to what most students learn in universities.

Inaccurately retelling history, through textbooks or other literature, has been practiced in many societies, from ancient Rome to the Soviet Union (USSR) and the People's Republic of China. The content of history textbooks is often determined by the political forces of state adoption boards and ideological pressure groups.

Such is the case of the historical Abraham Lincoln, the darling of African slaves. He has inspired Americans for generations as their liberator. Yes, he did free them.....but that was not his original intent nor did it express how he viewed African slaves. Guess what! It has recently been revealed that he was a slave owner. His views on slavery were not exactly what we have been "brainwashed" into believing.

"For the sake of your race, you should sacrifice something of your present comfort for the purpose of being as grand in that respect as the white people," Lincoln said, promoting his idea of colonization: resettling blacks in foreign countries on the belief that whites and blacks could not coexist in the same nation.

Lincoln went on to say that free blacks who envisioned a permanent life in the United States were being "selfish" and he promoted Central America as an ideal location "especially because of the similarity of climate with your native land — thus being suited to your physical condition."

A new book by a researcher at George Mason University in Fairfax makes the case that Lincoln was even more committed to colonizing blacks than previously known. It even reveals that Lincoln himself owned slaves.

The book, "Colonization After Emancipation," is based in part on newly uncovered documents that authors Philip Magness and Sebastian Page found at the British National Archives outside London and in the U.S. National Archives.

In an interview, Magness said he thinks the documents he uncovered reveal Lincoln's complexity.

"It makes his life more interesting, his racial legacy more controversial," said Magness, who is also an adjunct professor at American University.

Lincoln's views about colonization are well known among historians, even if they don't make it into most schoolbooks. Lincoln even referred to colonization in the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation which was his September, 1862, warning to the South that he would free all slaves in Southern territory if the rebellion continued. Unlike some others,

Lincoln always promoted a voluntary colonization, rather than forcing blacks to leave.

But historians differ on whether Lincoln moved away from colonization after he issued the official Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, or whether he continued to support it. Magness and Page's book offers evidence that Lincoln continued to support colonization by engaging in secret diplomacy with the British to establish a colony in British Honduras, now Belize.

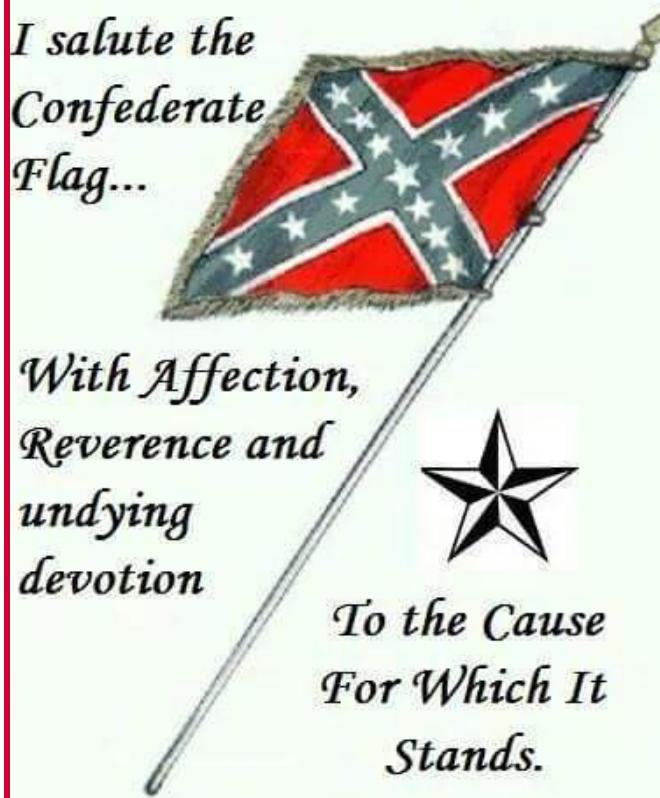
Among the records found at the British archives is an 1863 order from Lincoln granting a British agent permission to recruit volunteers for a Belize colony. "He didn't let colonization die off. He became very active in promoting it in the private sphere, through diplomatic channels," Magness said. He surmises that Lincoln grew weary of the controversy that surrounded colonization efforts, which had become enmeshed in scandal and were criticized by many abolitionists.

As late as 1864, Magness found a notation that Lincoln asked the attorney general whether he could continue to receive counsel from James Mitchell, his colonization commissioner, even after Congress had eliminated funding for Mitchell's office.

Lincoln joins George Washington and Thomas Jefferson as U.S. Presidents that were slaveholders despite misgivings. Washington freed his slaves when he died.

Abraham Lincoln never got the chance to do that.





A reminder of our Second Monday Camp Meeting is published in the Athens Daily Review in its Community Calendar each day for the week prior to our meeting!

Athens Daily Review

Community Calendar

Sunday, March 13

Local grower Joey Dziema presents "Introducing the Daylily". This PowerPoint will cover the history of the plant, its transfer to America, and its subsequent development into numerous colors, shapes & sizes. Come by and learn! The meeting will start at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 13. Location: Tyler Rose Garden Center - in the Azalea Room. Visitors and new members welcome. For more information, call 903-670-3302.

Monday, March 14

The Major W H Howdy Martin Camp 1241 of the Sons Of Confederate Veterans meets the second Monday of each month at the Calvary Baptist Church Gym on the corner of US Highway 175 East and Crestway Drive. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m., with a pot luck dinner followed by a historical program. Guests are invited to join us to learn more about your ancestors. For more information, our website is www.martincamp.org.



Flags - Banners - Accessories

Eric & Erica Rumbo
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Canton, TX 75103
(214) 957-0385
E-mail: service@iamericasflags.com www.iamericasflags.com

April is **Confederate History Month!** Eric in Canton has supplied our Howdy Camp with flags for several years.

Prayer Requests

Health issues:

- * Jim Day
- * Pete Edison
- * Bob Lynch
- * Dan and Billie Dyer

Local Needs and Our Nation

- * Our next meeting April 11th
- * Pray for the South
- * Pray for all upcoming elections
- * Pray for our military

Howdy Martin Camp meetings are on the Second Monday of each month.

We meet at the Calvary Baptist Church Gym in Athens on the corner of Hwy 175 East and Crestway Drive. Notice of our camp meetings may be found listed in the Athens Review Newspaper in the Community Calendar section.

Meetings begin at 6:30pm with a pot luck dinner furnished by members followed by a short historical program. Guests are welcome and you may bring your family.

WELCOME TO THIS MONTH'S ISSUE OF THE Major W H Howdy Martin SCV Camp1241 HOWDY HERALD NEWSLETTER

It is our goal to share the news of all members of our camp in such a way that this newsletter and all that follow will honor and pay respect to all past and present family of our great Southern States. Members are encouraged to bring to our camp meetings articles for submission to this publication. The deadline for entries is the Monday following our regular 2nd Monday camp meeting.

This Chaplain's Message is dedicated in memory of Brother Len Patterson for his years of service to his Lord and to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Our Camp #1241 has been honored to receive permission from Ms Patterson to reprint Brother Len's messages that were written from his heart to share his testimony of salvation through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Photographs

5/27/2012

I have an interesting photograph. It is the picture of a group of children, about six to ten years old, standing in front of a school building with their adult teachers on each side. I don't know any of the youngsters or adults in the photo. I know nothing about them at all, except that they're all dead. This photograph, you see, was taken about a hundred and twenty-five years ago.

Most, if not all of us enjoy looking at old photographs. We realize the people we are seeing in these pictures were real, just as we are. They were alive and active. They were doing something before the camera snapped, and they continued doing something afterwards. After the camera snapped, the children in my photograph grew up, got married, raised children, worked, played, and eventually died. But, I have one instant in their lives that is forever frozen in time. That's what makes this, and all old photographs, so interesting.

There were a lot of photographs taken during the War for Southern Independence. Many of them were done after a battle, and since they were taken by photographers with the Yankee invaders, they quite often showed the bodies of Confederate soldiers. We've all seen them, and these photographs of our Confederate dead should give us a very clear perspective of the work and mission of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

There is one photograph of a young Confederate lying dead in a muddy ditch. He had a mother, a father, brothers, sisters, and other family members that loved him. They cared about him and worried about his welfare. Now he was dead and they didn't know it. They may never know what happened to him. They may only know he, like so many other brave Confederate soldiers, just didn't come home. It is their honor that is at stake. It is the respect they are rightfully due, that is being viciously attacked. It is the Cause for which they fought and died that is being maliciously twisted to suit the agenda of the Unionists. It is their homes, country, and heritage, as well as ours, that is being subjected to ridicule by the willfully ignorant. It is their flag that is being made a symbol of shame and bigotry, by bigots who have no shame.

And who is going to speak for them? Who is going to be their voice? Who is going to defend their honor? Who is going to stand up and say, "I am the proud descendant of a brave Confederate soldier. The South was right and their Cause was just." Who? We are! It is our duty. It is our mission. Because.....

we are the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and that's what we do.



Bro Len speaks at the Confederate Veteran's Memorial Plaza Dedication

William Harrison Martin**"Old Howdy"**

Bill Martin, Attorney

State Senator

Captain Co. K 4th TX Inf, CSA

Major, 4th Texas, CSA

District Attorney

U.S. Congressman, Texas

Husband, Father, Grandfather

Great Grandfather



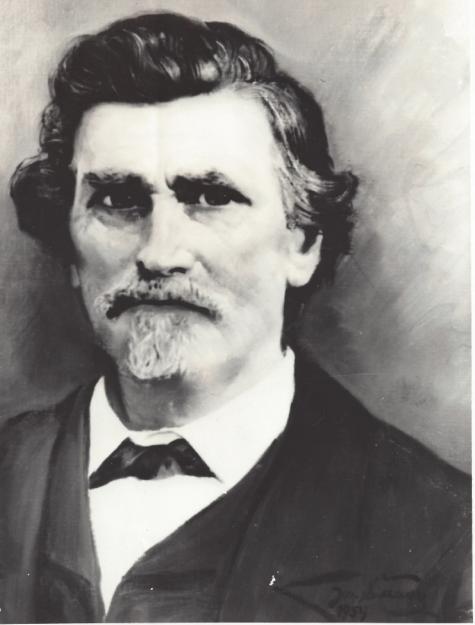
Above: Howdy's Grave, Hillsboro City Cemetery, Hillsboro, TX.

Right: Howdy's Marker is located in Athens on Hwy 19 South in the Confederate Park.

HOME TOWN OF TEXAS CONFEDERATE
MAJOR WILLIAM H. MARTIN
"OLD HOWDY"
1823 - 1896

BORN IN ALABAMA, MOVED TO TEXAS 1850.
STATE SENATOR 1853-57. COMPANY M OF
CAMIZED HERE FOR CONFEDERACY. ENTERED
4TH TEXAS INFANTRY, JOINED GEN. LEE IN
VIRGINIA 1861. MARTIN WAVED RATHER THAN
SNAPPED SALUTE, BELLOWED "HOWDY," DEFYING
SPACE, RANK & TO SAVE TEXAS BRIGADE'S SEPAR-
ATE IDENTITY. HOWDY WENT TO JEFFERSON
DAVIS, GEN. LEE, WITH PLEA OR SURVIVORS OF
MANY SUCH BLOOD BATHS AS CHICKAMAUGA.
LEE ENDORSED THE TEXAS BRIGADE, SAYING:
"I NEVER ASKED THAT BRIGADE TO HOLD A
POSITION THAT THEY DID NOT HOLD IT."
PRESIDENT DAVIS PROMISED: "MAJ. MARTIN,
AS LONG AS THERE IS A MAN TO CARRY THE
BATTLE FLAG YOU SHALL REMAIN THE TEXAS
BRIGADE!"

ERECTED BY THE STATE OF TEXAS 2004



Above: Major W. H. Howdy Martin

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Sons of Confederate Veterans Howdy Martin Camp #1241 Athens, TX.

We reserve the right to edit all submissions due to limited space for such material that honors and supports The Charge given to us in the year 1906 that may be found herein. This Newsletter is compiled and submitted to our Webmaster as nearly the same date as possible immediately following our Camp's monthly meeting.